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Interview Summary

Application No.
08/820,057

Applicant(s)

Turner et al.

Examiner

David L Lewis

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) David L Lewis

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Date of Interview Aug 7, 2000

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

Kazan (5220316)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant restates the arguments of the response filled on 2/15/00, wherein the nonlinear element of Kazan's figure 4 is disposed between one electrode and a contact lead on the top side of the display substrate, and therefore Kazan does not read on the claim language required by claim 1. The Examiner's disagrees, because when the claims are view in their broadest interpretation, the nonlinear element shown in the center of the display matrix (column 2, row 2), viewed from a two-dimensional perspective, reads on the nonlinear element being disposed between sets of electrodes on the north/south and east/west sides, therefore reading on claim 1. To overcome the Kazan reference the claims language would have to distinguish a three-dimensional perspective, wherein the nonlinear element is sandwiched between the two electrodes giving the order from top to bottom of, first electrode, nonlinear element, display, then second electrode. This change would however require a new search and consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

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